

# Contexts, Local Variables, and Loops

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# Properties of Program Contexts

## Some Properties of Relations

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False. Take  $E(r) = r \circ r$  and consider relations  $r_1, r_2$ . The claim becomes

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that is,

$$r_1 \circ r_1 \cup r_1 \circ r_2 \cup r_2 \circ r_1 \cup r_2 \circ r_2 = r_1 \circ r_1 \cup r_2 \circ r_2$$

Taking, for example,  $r_1 = \{(1,2)\}$ ,  $r_2 = \{(2,3)\}$  we obtain

$$\{(1,3)\} = \emptyset \quad (\text{false})$$

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## Union-Distributivity Case of Increasing Sequence

$$E\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} r_i\right) = \bigcup_{i \in I} E(r_i)$$

for  $I = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $r_1 \subseteq r_2 \subseteq \dots$

Proof is by induction on the structure of the tree for expression  $E(r)$  using monotonicity property. Case  $E(r) = E_1(r) \circ E_2(r)$ , assuming by inductive hypothesis  $E_1\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} r_i\right) = \bigcup_{i \in I} E_1(r_i)$  and  $E_2\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} r_i\right) = \bigcup_{i \in I} E_2(r_i)$ .

Let  $r = \bigcup_{i \in I} r_i$ . We know by previous monotonicity argument that

$\bigcup_{i \in I} E(r_i) \subseteq E\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} r_i\right)$ , so we just need to show the converse direction. Let

$(x, x') \in E(r)$  be arbitrary. We need to show  $(x, x') \in \bigcup_{i \in I} E(r_i)$ . Since

$(x, x') \in E_1(r) \circ E_2(r)$ , there exists  $z$  such that  $(x, z) \in E_1(r)$  and  $(z, x') \in E_2(r)$ . By

inductive hypothesis,  $(x, z) \in \bigcup_{i \in I} E_1(r_i)$  and  $(z, x') \in \bigcup_{i \in I} E_2(r_i)$ . By definition of union there exists  $i_1, i_2$  such that  $(x, z) \in E_1(r_{i_1})$  and  $(z, x') \in E_2(r_{i_2})$ . Let  $j = \max(i_1, i_2)$ .

Then  $r_{i_1} \subseteq r_j$  and  $r_{i_2} \subseteq r_j$ , so, by monotonicity of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ ,  $(x, z) \in E_1(r_j)$  and

$(z, x') \in E_2(r_j)$ . Thus,  $(x, x') \in E_1(r_j) \circ E_2(r_j) = E(r_j)$  so  $(x, x') \in \bigcup_{i \in I} E(r_i)$  as desired.

More on Mapping Code to Formulas



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$$\text{havoc}(y_1); \dots; \text{havoc}(y_m)$$

Thus, the order of distinct havoc-s does not matter.

# Programs and Specs are Relations

program:  $x = x + 2; y = x + 10$   
relation:  $\{(x, y, z, x', y', z') \mid x' = x + 2 \wedge y' = x + 12 \wedge z' = z\}$   
formula:  $x' = x + 2 \wedge y' = x + 12 \wedge z' = z$

Specification:

$$z' = z \wedge (x > 0 \rightarrow (x' > 0 \wedge y' > 0))$$

Adhering to specification is relation subset:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(x, y, z, x', y', z') \mid x' = x + 2 \wedge y' = x + 12 \wedge z' = z\} \\ \subseteq & \{(x, y, z, x', y', z') \mid z' = z \wedge (x > 0 \rightarrow (x' > 0 \wedge y' > 0))\} \end{aligned}$$

Non-deterministic programs are a way of writing specifications

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# Stepwise Refinement Methodology

Start from a possibly non-deterministic specification  $P_0$

Refine the program until it becomes deterministic and efficiently executable.

$$P_0 \sqsupseteq P_1 \sqsupseteq \dots \sqsupseteq P_n$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{havoc}(x); \text{assume}(x > 0); \text{havoc}(y); \text{assume}(x < y) \\ \sqsupseteq & \text{havoc}(x); \text{assume}(x > 0); y = x + 1 \\ \sqsupseteq & x = 42; y = x + 1 \\ \sqsupseteq & x = 42; y = 43 \end{aligned}$$

In the last step program equivalence holds as well

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# Integer Programs with Loops

Integer programs with loops are Turing complete and can compute all computable functions (we can use large integers as Turing machine tape).

Even if we cannot find a closed-form integer arithmetic formula, we may be able to find

- ▶ a formula in a richer logic
- ▶ a property of the meaning of the loop  
(e.g. formula for the superset)

To help with these tasks, we give mathematical semantics of loops

Useful concept for this is transitive closure:  $r^* = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} r^n$   
( We may or may not have a general formula for  $r^n$  or  $r^*$  )

## Some facts about relations

Let  $r \subseteq S \times S$  and  $\Delta = \{(x, x) \mid x \in S\}$ . Then

$$\Delta \circ r = r = r \circ \Delta$$

We say that  $r$  is **reflexive** iff  $\forall x \in S. (x, x) \in r$ .

▶ equivalently, reflexivity means  $\Delta \subseteq r$

Relation  $r$  is **transitive** iff

$$\forall x, y, z. ((x, y) \in r \wedge (y, z) \in r \rightarrow (x, z) \in r)$$

which is the same as saying  $r \circ r \subseteq r$

## Transitive Closure of a Relation

$r \subseteq S \times S$ . Define  $r^0 = \Delta$  and  $r^{n+1} = r \circ r^n$ . Then  $(x_0, x_n) \in r^n$  iff  $\exists x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  such that  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in r$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

Define reflexive transitive closure of  $r$  by

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Properties that follow from the definition:

- ▶  $(x_0, x_n) \in r^*$  iff there exists  $n \geq 0$  and  $\exists x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  such that  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in r$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  (a path in the graph  $r$ )
- ▶  $r^*$  is a reflexive and transitive relation
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- ▶  $(r^{-1})^* = (r^*)^{-1}$
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- ▶  $r^* = \Delta \cup (r \circ r^*)$  and, likewise,  $r^* = \Delta \cup (r^* \circ r)$



## Towards meaning of loops: unfolding

Loops can describe an infinite number of basic paths  
(for a larger input, program takes a longer path)

Consider loop

$$L \equiv \mathbf{while}(F)c$$

We would like to have

$$\begin{aligned} L &\equiv \mathbf{if}(F) (c; L) \\ &\equiv \mathbf{if}(F) (c; \mathbf{if}(F) (c; L)) \end{aligned}$$

For  $r_L = \rho(L)$ ,  $r_c = \rho(c)$ ,  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_{\tilde{F}}$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \Delta_{\neg\tilde{F}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_L &= (\Delta_1 \circ r_c \circ r_L) \cup \Delta_2 \\ &= (\Delta_1 \circ r_c \circ ((\Delta_1 \circ r_c \circ r_L) \cup \Delta_2)) \cup \Delta_2 \\ &= \Delta_2 \cup \\ &\quad (\Delta_1 \circ r_c) \circ \Delta_2 \cup \\ &\quad (\Delta_1 \circ r_c)^2 \circ r_L \end{aligned}$$

## Unfolding Loops

$$r_L = \Delta_2 \cup (\Delta_1 \circ r_c) \circ \Delta_2 \cup (\Delta_1 \circ r_c)^2 \circ \Delta_2 \cup (\Delta_1 \circ r_c)^3 \circ r_L$$

We prove by induction that for every  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$(\Delta_1 \circ r_c)^n \circ \Delta_2 \subseteq r_L$$

So,  $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} ((\Delta_1 \circ r_c)^n \circ \Delta_2) \subseteq r_L$ , that is

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Compute each relation:

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